
Introduced by Senator Machado

December 2, 2002

An act to add Chapter 12 (commencing with Section 79590) to Division 26.5 of the Water Code, relating to water.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 21, as introduced, Machado. Water: Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Act of 2002.

The Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Act of 2002, an initiative measure approved by the voters at the November 5, 2002, statewide general election, authorizes the state to issue general obligation bonds in the amount of \$3,440,000,000 for the purposes of the act.

This bill would express legislative intent with respect to the enactment of a comprehensive statutory framework for implementing the act.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 12 (commencing with Section 79590)
2 is added to Division 26.5 of the Water Code, to read:

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4 CHAPTER 12. IMPLEMENTATION

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6 79590. (a) The Legislature finds and declares all of the
7 following:

1 (1) The enactment of the Water Security, Clean Drinking
2 Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Act of 2002 (Division 26.5
3 (commencing with Section 79500)) through the voters' approval
4 of Proposition 50 at the statewide general election on November
5 5, 2002, demonstrates the public's commitment to all of the
6 following:

7 (A) Maintenance of adequate funding of the state's major water
8 programs, including the CALFED Bay-Delta program.

9 (B) Meeting the state's obligations under the Colorado River
10 Water Use Plan.

11 (C) Investing in water quality and safe drinking water
12 programs.

13 (D) Protecting coastal water quality and marine, aquatic, and
14 terrestrial habitat for fish and wildlife.

15 (2) The Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and
16 Beach Protection Act of 2002 requires the Legislature to
17 appropriate the funds provided by that act, and authorizes the
18 Legislature to establish funding criteria and direction in most of
19 the programmatic areas of the measure.

20 (3) The achievement of a geographically and
21 programmatically balanced implementation of the Water Security,
22 Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Act of 2002
23 requires the enactment of a comprehensive statutory framework
24 that is consistent with the provisions of that act.

25 (b) It is, therefore, the intent of the Legislature to enact a
26 comprehensive statutory framework for implementing the Water
27 Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Act
28 of 2002 that accomplishes all of the following:

29 (1) Ensures the equitable distribution of funding to meet the
30 needs of all regions of California in a manner that optimizes the use
31 of the taxpayers' dollars.

32 (2) Provides for the efficient, expeditious, and coordinated
33 administration of programs funded by the act.

34 (3) Contributes to the long-term improvement of California's
35 water quality, water supply reliability, and environment.

